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LANDER REGION

At the Library

Celebrating bats



Biologist Laura Beard helps a participant discover which species of bat (cloth replica) she removed from the nearby mist net. Below: A bat who came to the event.

a fun activity titled “Working the Nightshift,” where kids and adults could take felt bats out of a mist net. Once out of the net, they would key out the bat to determine which Wyoming species they had found. Each bat weighed a different amount, had different ear or tail shapes, and different forearm lengths (mimicked with toothpicks). The library featured bat books in their children’s section and helped staff the crafts.

People were encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes, and received bat pencils and temporary tattoos. Approximately 80 people attended this first year. It was very well received by the public, the library and our staff, so we hope to make this an annual event.

The Wyoming Game and Fish Department and the Lander Branch of the Fremont County Library co-hosted “Bats in the Bookshelves,” an event in honor of National Bat Week. National Bat Week takes place annually during the last week of October to help the public learn about these amazing and beneficial animals. Thousands of people take part in bat themed events and service projects nationwide during this time.

Biologist Laura Beard, Nongame Mammal Supervisor Nichole Bjornlie, and Nongame Supervisor Zack Walker worked together to offer two crafts: making bat hats and bat finger puppets; an information table and fact board; and



In the Field

Wildlife get help



Above: Mule deer tangled in hammock. At right: Lander Wildlife Biologist Stan Harter assisting the deer out of his tangle.



With warm weather gone for the year, this is a great time to bring in all those unneeded yard items that can cause problems for wildlife. Deer and other ungulates are on the move more in the fall and they sometimes get caught up in hammocks, volleyball nets, tire swings, tomato cages, and other yard decorations. Warden Brady Frude and Biologist Stan Harter recently helped a yearling buck out of quite a tangle with a hammock.

Every year holiday lights also end up as decorations on the heads of ungulates. To help prevent this, attach lights high on a building instead of just draped over trees or shrubs. And, if you see an animal tangled in a net or decorations, please call the nearest Game and Fish office or local law enforcement.

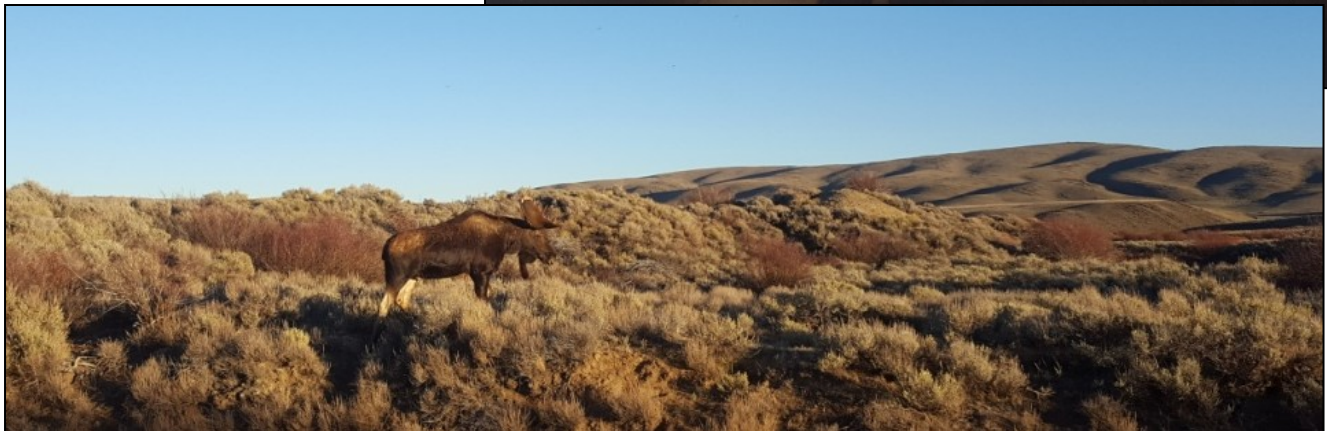
Also recently, a bull moose wandered into Riverton, while it didn't get tangled up, it did need help finding more suitable habitat. Biologist Greg Anderson, Warden Jessica Beecham and Coordinator Daryl Lutz responded to the call about the moose wandering the streets of Riverton. Greg successfully darted the bull and then relocated him to a less crowded home south of Lander.



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Above: Biologist Greg Anderson taking aim at a bull moose to sedate him. At right: the bull during transport to relocate. Below: Released south of Lander into better moose habitat.



From the Wardens

Field notes

Rawlins wardens and biologist responded to several urban/injured wildlife calls in October. Injured wildlife included an American kestrel, a pronghorn caught in a leghold trap, and a great horned owl caught in a mirror on a semi-truck.

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Warden Teal Joseph was also contacted by the Rawlins Animal Control after they captured a young bobcat who decided to take up residence in the backyard of a Rawlins resident. While transferring the bobcat to an animal carrier, Teal was taught that although this bobcat was little, it was FIERCE. She was able to successfully relocate the bobcat to an area outside of town where it would not have urban conflict issues.



With the Hunters

Harvest success from around the Region



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